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1. ROBERTO ARES. NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR WAS BORN IN BUENOS AIRES THE 18TH OF APRIL, 1912. ARES IS MARRIED AND HAS A GROWN SON AND DAUGHTER. AN ECONOMIST, ARES SERVED FROM 1947 TO 1949 AS DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFIARS IN THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY. FROM 1949 UNTIL 1952 HE WAS THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY. ARES WAS A MEMBER OF THE PERONIST SUPERIOR COUNCIL AT THE TIME OF THE FORMUALTION OF THE HORA DEL PUEBLO IN 1970. HE AND JORGE PALADINO WERE THE TWO MAIN ARCHITECTS, ON THE PERONIST SIDE, OF THE DIALOGUE AND POLICY OF COOPERATION WITH THE UCR. IN FEBRUARY 9* 1972 ARES RESIGNED FROM THE COUNCIL AS A SIGN OF HIS DISGUST WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF PALADINO BY HECTOR J. CAMPORA. DURING THE FIRST YEAR AND A HALF OF THE PERONIST GOVERNMENT, ARES HAD NO POSITION, BUT FROM NOVEMBER 1974 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT YESTERDAY AS INTERIOR MINISTER, ARES HAD SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE BANCO DE LA NACION. ARES WAS DESCRIBED BY SEVERAL SOURCES YESTERDAY AND IN THE PRESS THIS MORNING AS BEING VERY CLOSE TO RAUL LASTIRI. GRAPHIC EVIDENCE OF THIS IS SEEN ON FRONT PAGE OF CRONICA IN FORM OF PICTURE OF LASTIRI AND ARES LEAVING THE CASA ROSADA YESTERDAY ARM IN ARM. ARES IS ALSO KNOWN TO BE VERY CLOSE TO SAN JUAN GOVERNOR ELOY CAMUS, ANOTHER OLD-LINE CONSERVATIVE PERONIST.

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2. JOSE ALBERTO EHEZA. THE NEW MINISTER OF JUSTICE WAS

BORN IN SALTA JUNE 16, 1921. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS SIX CHILDREN. DEHEZA GRADUATED FROM THE LAW SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CORDOBA AND SERVED AS CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT AND THEN FOR MANY YEARS SERVED AS SECRETARY TO THE FEDERAL JUDGE OF THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT IN BUENOS AIRES. DEHEZA WAS INTERIOR MINISTER BENITO LLAMBI'S CHIEF OF STAFF (JEFE DE GABINETE) AND SINCE THE OUSTER OF LLAMBI HAS BEEN FEDERAL ATTORNEY ACTING IN THE CURTS OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. DEHEZA IS DESCRIBED BY SEVERAL SOURCES AS BEING VERY CLOSE TO MRS. PERON'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, JULIO GONZALEZ, AND HE PROBABLY OWES HIS APPOINTMENT TO THAT FRIENDSHIP. IRONICALLY, DEHEZA, A VERTICALISTA, IS RELATED TO CARLOS PALACIO DEHEZA, ALSO OF CORDOBA, ONE OF THE MOST OUTSPOKEN ANTIVERTICALISTA LEADERS IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.
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